Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know why the Government decided upon the appointment of one officer to control the Stationery Department and the Press ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Now, the Press is under the Superintendent of the Government Press ; and the Stationery Department is under the Chief Secretary. Government thought it would be better to have both these departments under the control of one officer.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Have the Government prescribed any qualification for the post ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No ; the idea is that the person selected should be one who will be able to manage both the Government Press and the Stationery Department.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Have the Government been able to find such a man ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : No, Sir, not yet.

Perumpavur-Koovapadi road.

77. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of culverts in the Perumpavur—Koovapadi road ;

(*b*) whether all such culverts are in good order and safe for travel ;

(*c*) the total length of that road which has to be raised to make it above flood level ;

(*d*) whether the abovesaid road is fit for motor cars and other vehicles to pass safely ; and

(*e*) the total allotment for annual maintenance and repairs of that road ?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Four old damaged culverts without covering stones, etc.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Five furlongs.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Rs. 45 per year at Rs. 20 per mile.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to part (*a*), may I know whether the road is being used by students going to the various schools in Perumpavur ?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup : I know it is being used by students coming from Koovapadi side.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know the average number of students making use of the road?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: No such statistics have been taken.

Mr. G Narayana Aiyar: May I ask whether there are not paddy fields on both sides of the road and whether, therefore, the agriculturists also are not using the road?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: Yes, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Do those agriculturists have any other road for access to the main road?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: I do not know that. But it has been ascertained that considerable expenditure will have to be incurred for raising the embankment above flood level and for gravelling the road. That is the reason why it has not been done.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: What is the expenditure involved?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: No estimate has been prepared. A distance of five furlongs has to be raised considerably. It is not known exactly to what height it will have to be raised in order to be above flood level. Several culverts, about 10 of them, between 12 and 18 feet in diameter, have also to be constructed.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Have the Government received representations about this road?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: Not recently.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to part (*b*) may I know how long it is since the culverts have been in disrepair?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: They have been in such damaged condition for a long time. It is more or less an unimportant village road.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry South*): May I know the distance between that road and the nearest toll-gate?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: I claim notice.

Tests necessary for certain appointments in the Police and Excise Departments.

78 ***Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they consider physical fitness, height, girth, etc., as necessary tests for appointment in the executive line of the Police and Excise Departments;

(*b*) if so, whether these tests have been prescribed by the Public Service Commissioner for such appointments; and

(*c*) whether any appointment has been made in the Police and in the Excise Departments in disregard of these tests?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes, so far as the Police Department is concerned. In regard

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